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Mr. Howland Wood

Dear Sir: I wish to buy a bronze medal struck by order of Congress, in 1906, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. It was modelled, I believe, by Louis St. Gaudens and is #298 in the U.S. Mint catalogue. I wrote for one to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, but they say it was not made there and they have none for sale.

My friend, Mr. Horace Wheder, suggests that I write and ask your advice.

Can you kindly tell me where I
can purchase this medal, and greatly oblige

Yours sincerely
Walter Rowlands

May 4th, 1923

Mr. Walter Rowlands
Needham, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favour of May 2nd, the medal commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin is, as far as we know, rather difficult to obtain as only a limited number were made at that time. Possibly you may be able to pick up a copy at one of the dealers on the enclosed list; or perhaps the Medallic Art Company, 137 East 29th Street, New York, could put you on the track of one.

I am very sorry that I cannot help you out more satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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